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C O N F I D E N T I A L OTTAWA 10319

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, PGOV, SF, CA  
SUBJECT: GOC POLICY TOWARDS SOUTH AFRICA

1. ACCORDING TO RECENT PRESS REPORTS, THE CANADIAN CABINET IS STUDYING AN INTERDEPARTMENTAL PAPER OUTLINING VARIOUS ACTIONS THAT THE GOC MIGHT TAKE AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA. IVAN HEAD, TRUDEAU'S PRINCIPAL FOREIGN POLICY ADVISOR, WAS QUOTED AS STATING THAT THE CABINET HAS LAUNCHED A REVIEW OF RELATIONS WITH SAG, INCLUDING POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC LINKS AND THE ROLE OF CANADIAN CORPORATIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

2. H. CARTER, DIRECTOR OF ANGLOPHONE AFRICAN AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (EXTAFF) HAS CONFIRMED TO US THAT THESE REPORTS ARE ESSENTIALLY ACCURATE. THE CABINET, HE SAID, HAS ALREADY DISCUSSED ONCE THE INTER-DEPARTMENTAL PAPER AND WILL MEET AGAIN SOON TO DECIDE ON THE VARIOUS OPTIONS OUTLINED IN THE PAPER. CARTER  
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DOUBTED THAT ANY DRAMATIC MOVES WOULD RESULT FROM THIS CURRENT REVIEW OF GOC POLICY TOWARDS SOUTH AFRICA. FOR EXAMPLE, HE EXPLAINED, THE GOC WILL NOT WITHDRAW ITS AMBASSADOR FROM PRETORIA, BUT IT MAY WITHDRAW ITS TRADE COMMISSIONERS AND IT WILL PROBABLY ISSUE GUIDELINES FOR CANADIAN COMPANIES OPERATING IN SOUTH AFRICA. CARTER ALSO INDICATED THAT THE PAPER BEFORE THE CABINET REFLECTS

SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EXTAFF AND MINISTRY OF  
INDUSTRY, TRADE, AND COMMERCE ON THIS LATTER ISSUE. WE  
SUSPECT THAT THESE DIFFERENCES RELATE PRIMARILY TO THE  
EXTENT TO WHICH THE GOC SHOULD SCRUTINIZE THE EMPLOYMENT  
PRACTICES OF THESE COMPANIES BEFORE THEY RECEIVE TAX  
CONCESSIONS. ENDERS

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